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*Via Electronic Filing System*

The Honorable John E. Jones, III  
Federal Building and  
U.S. Courthouse  
228 Walnut Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17108

Re: Melissa Dyann Penn vs. Galen Detweiler, et al., No. 1:18-cv-00912-JEJ

Dear Judge Jones:

I am the appointed mediator in this case and have scheduled a mediation conference for next Tuesday, November 20, 2018. Pursuant to LR 16.8.7(d) the individual defendants, who are York City police officers, have submitted through counsel a request to be excused from attending. One of them is on active military duty in Cuba and the other is on family leave. No party opposes the request. Even though the request was not submitted within the time prescribed by the rule, I recommend granting it. Persons with the necessary authority to settle will be attending the conference.

I have enclosed a copy of the request letter and proposed order.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "TBS", written over a horizontal line.

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cc: ECF

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RE: Melissa Dyann-Penn vs. Galen Detweiler, Bradley Engle and City of York  
Claim No.: FAS1477  
Our File No.: 20021.00305

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

As you know, I represent the City of York Defendants in the above-captioned matter which is scheduled for a Mediation before you on November 20, 2018. This letter is to advise you that the two (2) individually named police officers, cannot attend the Mediation. Officer Engle is currently on active duty in Cuba and Officer Detweiler is on family leave. The City, however, will have a representative attending the Mediation with full settlement authority and the authority to speak on behalf of the individual defendants. Additionally, a representative of Travelers Insurance Company with full settlement authority will be attending.

Neither Officer Detweiler nor Officer Engle have the authority to consent or oppose any settlement that may be reached.

I have reached out to all counsel and they have joined in the City Defendants' request.

I enclose a Proposed Order for the signature of Judge Jones which excuses Officer Detweiler and Officer Engle from attending the Mediation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



John P. Gonzales

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Cc: David Freedman, Esquire  
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J.